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SUBJ: TRAVEL TO SYRIA BY USG PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS

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1. WE DISCUSSED AUGUST 30, TRAVEL TO SYRIA FOR USG PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS WITH USINT CHIEF CARDILLI ALONG LINES REFTEL. CARDILLI AGREED WITH ACTION PROPOSED RE TRAVEL. ONLY PROBLEM HE RAISED WAS ONE OF TIMING. UNFORTUNATELY, HE IS AFRAID HE HAS BEEN COMPROMISED AS RESULT OF INTERVIEW HE HAD RECENTLY WITH AP CORRESPONDENT CONCERNING THE RECENT ALLEGED COUP ATTEMPT IN DAMASCUS. ARTICLE WAS SO PHRASED THAT SYRIAN GOVERNMENT COULD VERY EASILY CONCLUDE CARDILLI WAS SOURCE OF ARTICLE, WHICH HE WAS. THIS MAY TAKE A WEEK OR TEN DAYS. CONSEQUENTLY EMBASSY ROME SHOULD NOT APPROACH FOREIGN OFFICE RE INSTRUCTIONS TO CARDILLI ON TRAVEL USG PERSONNEL UNTIL THEY HAVE HEARD FURTHER FROM US. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ROME'S NOT DISCUSSION CONTENTS OF THIS CABLE WITH ITALIAN FOREIGN OFFICE IN INTEREST OF PROTECTING CARDILLI.
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